

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
RAMONA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP

A regular meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held July 1, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, California.

In Attendance:	Chad Anderson	Chris Anderson	Katherine L. Finley
	Dennis Grimes	Bob Hailey	Eb Hogervorst
	Kristi Mansolf	Jim Piva	Dennis Sprong
	Angus Tobiason	Richard Tomlinson	

Excused Absence: Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Kathy S. Finley and Paul Stykel

Chris Anderson, RCPG Chair, acted as the Chair of the meeting. Kristi Mansolf, RCPG Secretary, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

ITEM 1: The Chair Called the Meeting to Order at 7:15 p.m.

ITEM 2: Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3: The Secretary Determined a Quorum was Present

ITEM 4: LIST OF ABSENTEES FOR THIS MEETING. Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences by the RCPG – Secretary Will Read Record Separately from the Minutes Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Kathy S. Finley and Paul Stykel had excused absences.

ITEM 5: Approval of Order of the Agenda (Action)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the Motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Kathy S. Finley and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 6: ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair)

The Chair announced the U. S. Senate passed the National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act of 2010, which extends the National Flood Insurance program until September 30. This will allow home purchases in the 100-year floodplain to move forward. The House passed the bill last week. When signed into law by the President, the bill, which will apply retroactively, will cover the lapse period from June 1 to the date of enactment of the extension. Without flood insurance, households buying homes in the 100–year floodplain, cannot obtain mortgage financing.

The Chair reminded all who did not attend training that the last DPLU training for Planning Group members would be Saturday, June 5, in Escondido at 10.

Ms. Mansolf announced that 7 RCPG seats would be open in the next election. Interested parties can file their papers to be a candidate for that race between July 12 and August 6 at the Registrar of Voters on Ruffin Road. Individuals must go down in person to pick up their papers.

SANDAG is still conducting their Rural Transportation Survey and one-quarter of the responses

have been from Ramona. They will accept surveys for another month. This is the first time they have conducted a rural survey. The resulting information will be used to determine future transportation needs in the rural areas and will be included in the Regional Transportation Plan 2050.

The former Esquilago property has a new owner and a new proposal. The RCPG has received the new plans and will be seeing this project in the near future.

ITEM 7: FORMATION OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Mr. Piva wanted to bring the lot split on Keyes forward to the Consent Calendar. The RCPG has seen this project before. The replacement map shows a changed entry to a lot. Instead of coming off the cul-de-sac, a new access point on Keyes has been made.

It was also suggested to put the minutes on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: TO PUT THE KEYES LOT SPLIT, ITEM 11-H-2 AND THE MINUTES, ITEM 8, ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR; AND TO APPROVE.

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the Motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Matt Deskovick, Kathy S. Finley and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 8: APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6-3-10 (Action) – Approved under the Consent Calendar

ITEM 9: NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda (No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized) – None

ITEM 10: Presentation by County Capital Improvement Projects, DPW, on the Ramona Street Extension Project, Revised Design (Action)(w/T&T)

Mr. Terry Rayback of the County CIP Projects introduced himself, Ed Mananzan and Ray Perdido. They are back with a new design for the Ramona Street Extension project. They will display a series of 'fly bys' to show a comparison between the existing terrain, the old design and the new design. There are vertical design requirements that have to be met. They have to include both vertical and horizontal standards that work together for the design.

The original design had a 12-1/2 foot retaining wall plus a lot of fill. Now the tallest part of a retaining wall will be by the LaBelle's, at 3-1/2 feet. Originally they tried to save money by going over the aqueduct without damaging it. With the new design, the Brennecke driveway will be lowered. They have the right of way they need for the road, but will need to purchase some for the slope. They will have individual conversations with the neighbors to try to accommodate their wishes for their property. They have narrowed the pathway and bike lane so there are less impacts. There will a bike path and equestrian lane on both sides of the road.

There is a 5 foot elevation change from the old to new design.

Mr. Tobiason asked how much cover there would be on the aqueduct for the new design?

Mr. Rayback said the aqueduct would be 3-1/2 feet deeper, under the road. Utilities run under their road, when possible. The RMWD had prior rights, so the movement of the pipe has to be to their

standards. The speed limit on the road will be 40 mph. They are designing the road to CalTrans road standards for this speed limit which includes consideration of the curve for site distance standards. They can't do a variance for a vertical curve.

Mr. Tomlinson asked about design exceptions? And would there be crazy slopes?

Mr. Rayback said they intend to put the driveways back where they are. They are building the project to standards. The road segment will be 1800 feet long.

Speaker: Shelly Myers, Ramona Resident

Ms. Myers said she learned from the Transportation Summit that the cost of the Ramona Street Extension project is \$3.2 million. She has since learned the price does not include acquisition and litigation. An RCPG member said this project would improve circulation and safety for the children walking. Children currently walk along roads on narrow shoulders or no shoulders. She does not feel safety will be improved. Ms. Myers would rather see a botanical garden than the Ramona Street Extension project. One neighbor's well will be impacted – another's landscaping. People will have 7 seconds to get out of their driveways. She said the RCPG won't scrap the project and admit they made a mistake. She believes there are RCPG members who have a conflict of interest with this project. People did not know what was being planned here. Ms. Myers asked the RCPG to leave this part of Ramona as it is.

Speaker: Ken Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Mr. Brennecke said the project has been on the list since 2005 and no one has tried to understand the complexity of the site. There was no critical review of the second plan by the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee last year or this year. Supervisor asked the RCPG and the Department of Public Works to work with the residents. Encroachment impacts shifted from the bottom to the top of the hill. Residents won't be able to get out of their driveways. Seventy-five percent of his established watering infrastructure will be destroyed. Part of his property will be inaccessible. He won't be able to service his well. His plants will die if there is no water. A lot of time, money and effort has gone into caring for the plants. Residents have not had any in-depth perusal of the current plan. Vacating an easement is easier than building this road.

Speaker: Patricia Brennecke, Ramona Resident

Ms. Brennecke said the new plan is a bad plan. It will directly impact residents on the roadway. Her husband's work will be devastated. Lowering the driveway really impacts them.

Speaker: Jerry Myers, Ramona Resident

Mr. Myers asked Mr. Rayback where the stop sign would be?

Mr. Rayback said stop signs would be at Boundary and Warnock.

Mr. Myers said there are 215 cars that pass by his house between 6 and 7:30 a.m. on Warnock. It has been counted. One-third of Ramona drives out of the SDCE on this road. There will be 500 cars backed up. The milk truck won't be able to turn into the dairy.

Speaker: Donna Myers, Ramona Resident

Ms. Myers still believes in the democratic process. The past decision of the RCPG for the old design of the Ramona Street Extension project was horrific. It was a violation of safety standards. The RCPG had no knowledge of the area and discounted the neighbors with so many violations and safety. The cost will probably exceed \$5 million dollars with litigation and acquisition. How can the RCPG say it is okay to keep redesigning a road that can't be built?

Mr. Piva asked where the stop sign will go?

Mr. Mananzan said Warnock will stop. They will work with the traffic division.

Mr. Piva said he would like it reversed. Traffic on Ramona Street should be slowed coming from town.

Mr. Sprong thought it should stop at both Ramona and Warnock.

Mr. Tomlinson said there should be a free right turn.

Ms. Finley asked about the 'S' curve?

Mr. Rayback said when the 'S' curve goes in, the configuration will change. San Vicente improvements will be funded first. Mr. Rayback said a more focused study will be done to determine how best to do the stop signs and to see how it will change between configurations.

Mr. Tobiason asked if they would be using all of the easement?

Mr. Rayback said they will do a more focused study to see how it will change.

Mr. Anderson said the school on Boundary is not for the kids at the SDCE. He doesn't support the Ramona Street Extension project. He likes to enhance rural character. He doesn't see a true advantage of the project and how it will benefit the community.

The Chair said she took offense during the public comment when it was stated that we are keeping people in the dark. This is not true. The Ramona Street Extension project has been on the books for years.

Mr. Rayback said it has been on the books at 30 feet since 1870 and on the circulation element since 1967.

The Chair said people have had this road easement on their properties for years and listed in title reports. This project will benefit circulation for the community as a whole, not just for the schools. Vacating an easement may be easier, but it is not necessarily wiser. When she heard the public comments, she felt as though we were being told we discounted the residents. She hasn't discounted anyone. We have been listening to the residents on this issue for 7 months. No one has brought forward a clear example of why this project is not a benefit to the community. She appreciates the County's efforts and is glad they are still working with us.

Ms. Finley said when the elementary school was moved to Boundary, there were a lot of angry people. They looked at using Equestrian and Boundary for a road, but there are wetlands there.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED WITH CONSIDERATION OF REWORKING THE STOP SIGNS AT THE RAMONA/WARNOCK INTERSECTION.

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Bob Hailey, the Motion **passed 10-1-0-0-4**, with Chad Anderson voting no, and Torry Brean, Matt Deskovick, Kathy S. Finley and Paul Stykel absent.

ITEM 11: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

11-A: SOUTH (Hailey) (No Business)

11-B: WEST (Mansolf) (No Business)

11-C: EAST (Kathy S. Finley)(No Business)

11-D: PARKS (Tomlinson)(No Business)

11-E: AHOPE (Sprong) (No Business)

11-F: GP Update Plan (Anderson) (Action Item)

**11-F-1: Possible Discussion of Information Recently Presented by DPLU
On the GP Update. Ramona Plan to be Presented at the Planning
Commission Meeting 7-9-10**

Ms. Mansolf said that regarding the flooding in the Raymond area and the high density zoning proposed in the GP Update, Mr. Muto and Mr. Lardy have been looking into the issue. They said no alternative area will need to be identified to absorb the density that was proposed for this area. She contacted Flood Control and asked about any identified future projects being considered for this area. She learned there are 2 small ones on an unranked list. Projects from this list are brought forward in conjunction with CIP projects or development proposals, based on availability of funds. An example of this is the San Vicente Road improvement projects. One pipe will be replaced for this project. Ms. Mansolf requested going to the Planning Commission meeting July 9 to represent the RCPG on this issue.

The Chair said Ms. Mansolf could go to the hearing July 9 and represent the RCPG's position. Had the County suggested finding an alternate place to put the density proposed for Raymond/Kelly, she would have suggested that some of the density could go into the outlying areas of Ramona, where property is being downzoned to 40 and 80 acres.

11-G: CUDA (Brean)(No Business)

11-H: Transportation/Trails (Piva)(Action Items)

**11-H-1: Presentation by County Capital Improvement Projects, DPW, on the Ramona
Street Extension Project, Revised Design (w/Item #10)**

**11-H-2: TM 5564 RPL1, 1550 Keyes Rd., McCandless, Owner. 5 Residential Lots on
10.38 Acres, 2 Acre Minimum Lot Size. – Approved under the Consent Calendar**

11-H-3: Transportation Summit 6-9-10 – Report

Mr. Piva said the Transportation Summit was an information summit. The attendance was not great – about 50 people were in the audience, plus a troupe of boy scouts. Mr. Rayback stayed after the Transportation/Trails meeting, June 29, and commented on the Transportation Summit. CalTrans, SANDAG, the CHP, the County and Supervisor Jacob were all there. The RCPG hosted the

meeting and it went well. There were positive feelings and a lot of important contacts were made. A head person for CalTrans is going to meet with the Hwy 67 Subcommittee in the near future to discuss strategies for getting the work done on the Highland Valley/Dye Road Intersection.

11-I: DESIGN REVIEW (Anderson) – Update on Projects Reviewed by the Design Review Board

The Chair said that various signs/flags have been going up all over Ramona. The person putting them up was contacted. There is a County sign ordinance and the signs are all in violation.

Three seats are open for the Design Review Board.

11-J: RAMONA VILLAGE DESIGN (Brean, Stykel) Update on Ramona Village Design Committee Meetings – As both Mr. Brean and Mr. Stykel were absent, there was no report.

ITEM 12: OTHER BUSINESS (Chair) (Possible Action)

A. Consideration of Having an RCPG Member Attend SANDAG Meetings

Mr. Piva talked about sending someone from the RCPG to SANDAG meetings to represent the RCPG. Mr. Hailey used to attend SANDAG meetings and would like to go again.

Mr. Hailey said he would like to go and represent the RCPG, from the audience, at SANDAG meetings. He will go to as many as he can. There was a meeting the next day, July 2, and not much was on the agenda.

The Chair said she would appoint Mr. Hailey to speak on our behalf at SANDAG meetings. If he knows in advance of topics coming up, he can bring them before us.

Mr. Hailey said the meetings are on the first and third Friday of the month.

B. Report on DPLU Meeting 6-26-10, Alternatives for Community Representation (Discussion and Possible Action)

The Chair attended a meeting at DPLU regarding the status of Planning Group members as public officials in the eyes of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). There are 4 criteria that must be met to be considered a public official, and the Planning Groups meet all 4. The County doesn't want to indemnify us. In the past, the County made a decision to not indemnify Planning and Sponsor Group members, and then Policy I-1-A was written to remove the clause regarding indemnification. The Chair said we can be sued and the County may indemnify us. There can be penalties of fines and imprisonment if we are public officials. The FPPC has attorneys that will pursue our cases if we break laws as public officials. The County doesn't want to be liable. The County wants the cost of Planning and Sponsor Groups to be cost neutral. They are looking for ideas to save money. Some of the costs of Planning/Sponsor Groups are the costs of the meeting places, copies, and the time of the DPLU Planning/Sponsor Group advisors. Whatever is identified will go before the Board of Supervisors in the fall in the form of a cost analysis. There are concerns by some Planning/Sponsor Groups that this is just a way to eliminate Planning/Sponsor Groups, but we need to deal with the facts. We should also think of ways we benefit the County.

Mr. Grimes said we should look at the value of our time factored into all of the meetings we go to on planning related topics. We shouldn't just be looking at County staff time.

C. POD 09-007, Ordinances Amending the Zoning Ordinance and San Diego County Code Relating to Medical Marijuana, Adopted by the Board of Supervisors 6-23-10 (Discussion and Possible Action)

The Board of Supervisors adopted the Medical Marijuana Ordinance on June 23. The second reading was June 30, and the Ordinance becomes law on July 30. The Chair said a medical marijuana facility has opened on D Street. It is in a General Commercial area and is supposed to be in an Industrial zone. It is close to residences and is supposed to be 1,000 feet away. It opened within the last month when there was a moratorium on these types of facilities. It can't stay where it is. The Chair said it is not recognized as legal by the Federal Government, and Federal Law gives entities an option of banning medical marijuana facilities. Many cities have banned them outright, but the County put a moratorium on them until the ordinance could be adopted.

ITEM 13: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Chair)

- A. Names Submitted for New Subcommittee Members (Action) – None**
- B. Agenda Requests**

The Chair announced the Highland Valley Ranch project was pulled to redo with the addition of sewer. Since then, it has been pulled again. It was not denied, but essentially killed.

Mr. Piva said Carl Hickman was recognized at the Transportation/Trails Subcommittee for his input on the stoplight at the Highland Valley/Dye Road Intersection. At the Transportation Summit, Supervisor Jacob recognized Mr. Hickman for his input and work. Mr. Piva said he would like the RCPG to recognize Carl Hickman's efforts.

The Chair said she would create a certificate of recognition for Mr. Hickman in the near future.

C. Concerns of Members

Mr. Anderson said he had some questions regarding the RCPG and the Ramona Street Extension project. He brought up examples of residents coming to the meeting and the RCPG sided with the residents. For the Salvation Army project, we wanted the Fire Chief to give his input on the Fire Protection Plan. He felt the RCPG was basically for the project but we were waiting for the Fire Chief's input on the Plan, and then the Mussey Grade Road residents came to the meeting and we didn't vote for it.

The Chair said she did not feel the majority of the members were for the project before the residents came to the meeting.

Mr. Anderson said there was also the instance where the horse arena lady wanted to build her facility on Rangeland Road. Neighbors to the project came and spoke in opposition and the RCPG supported the neighbors and not the applicant.

The Chair said she was there when the project was story-poled and the owner was very happy she did not push to have the arena. She didn't need anything that big and ended up thanking us.

Mr. Anderson couldn't understand why the RCPG wasn't being swayed by the residents of the Ramona Street Extension project. He was concerned with hooking up the Ramona Street Extension

to Warnock before the other portion by the pig farm, the “S” curves are done, and so didn’t vote to support the project.

D. DPLU Training Information for RCPG Members

For RCPG members who missed the training, it was taped by DPLU, and a copy can be requested from the Planning and Sponsor Group Coordinator.

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf